



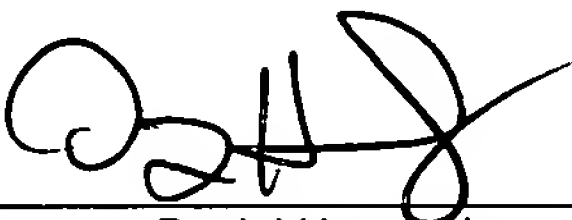
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) to proceed without Mr. Helmut Ponn – a joint inventor in the present application - because Mr. Ponn refuses to join and sign the needed declaration. In support of this Petition, the following is submitted herewith:

(1) A Declaration of Facts by Ms Christina Brenne, Intellectual Property Administrator of Volvo Car Corporation regarding Mr. Ponn's refusal to sign and join in this application, evidencing the need to file without Mr. Ponn's signature in order to prevent irreparable damage and to preserve the rights of the parties. The Declaration of Facts includes the following Exhibits:

(A) A translation of Mr. Ponn's Certificate of Service with Volvo Car

Corporation along with a Certification of Translation, indicating that Mr. Ponn is no

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longer employed with Volvo Car Corporation, Assignee of the present application;
and

(B) A copy of the Assignment being filed concurrently with this present Petition, signed by Mr. Hermansson, demonstrating that Volvo Car Corporation has substantial interest in the invention.

(2) The last known address of Mr. Ponn is set forth in the attached Declaration of Facts by Ms. Christina Brenne.

(3) The combined Declaration/Power of Attorney signed by Joint Applicant Mr. Stig Hermansson under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is submitted herewith.

(4) The fee in the amount of \$130.00 for this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is included herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Mr. Ponn has clearly received the application papers and has refused to sign. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office grant this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b).

Early consideration and granting of this petition is most respectfully requested. The Patent Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned in the event that the Patent Office desires to discuss any aspect of this invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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